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TWO CENTS.

## KILLED COMMANDER AND THE GARRISON

**Bulgarian Soldiers Have  
Captured the Greek Fort  
of Startila**

## DEFENDERS MADE STRONG RESISTANCE

**Three German Aeroplanes Shot Down  
in the Somme Sector and Six Others  
Damaged — Two Captive Balloons  
Destroyed.**

PARIS, August 26.—The Bulgarians have attacked and captured the Greek fort of Startila, after killing its commander and the entire garrison which offered spirited resistance, says a Salonika dispatch to the Mar. The dispatch is dated August 25 and was delayed.

A German attack on the Somme front was made at Hill No. 121 near the town of Maurepas, recently captured by the French.

On the Verdun front east of the Meuse the Germans attacked the French line between Fleury and Thiaumont after heavy bombardment, but were able to make no advance.

Aerial engagements occurred all along the front. Three German aeroplanes were shot down in the Somme sector, one near Craon and another on the Verdun front. Six others were damaged and two German captive balloons were destroyed.

## BRITISH USING AIRSHIPS.

**Made a Dash Over Belgium and Bom-  
barded German Ships.**

LONDON, Aug. 26.—British aeroplanes have made another dash over Belgium. On this occasion they penetrated to the vicinity of Namur, 26 miles southeast of Brussels, and bombarded German ships. One aeroplane is missing. An official account of these operations was issued here today.

## TWENTY-THREE PERISHED.

**British Naval Auxiliary Torpedoed in  
the North Sea.**

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The torpedoing in the North sea of a British naval auxiliary, with the loss of 23 men, was announced officially today.

## Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Pastor.



Sunday Services.

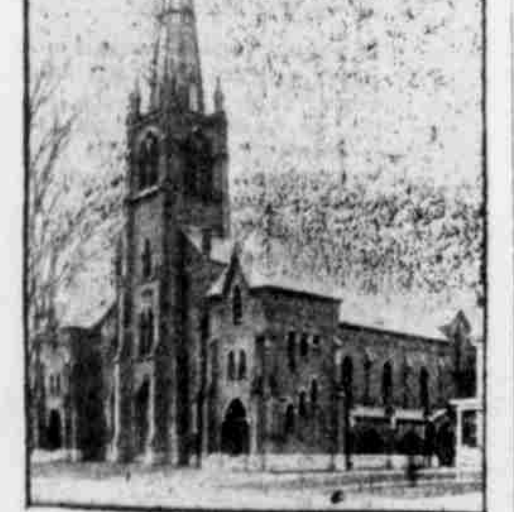
10:30 a. m. — Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, president of Piedmont college, Demorest, Ga., will preach.

11:45 a. m. — Sunday school.

7:30 p. m. — Address in the church by Dr. Ernest Clark of West Brattleboro, medical missionary in Sivas Turkey.

## First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister



Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m. — Sermon by Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick, N. J. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing.

11:45 a. m. — Bible school.

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel tomorrow evening at 7:30. Topic, Carelessness versus Thoughtfulness. Leader, Miss Mary E. Horton.

Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick, N. J., will occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing.

## WILSON TO KEEP UP FIGHT FOR RUBLEE

**Federal Trade Commissioner Will Get  
Recess Appointment and Be  
Renominated.**

WASHINGTON, August 26.—President Wilson has decided to keep George Rublee on the federal trade commission by making another recess appointment as soon as congress adjourns and to renew the fight before the senate in December for Mr. Rublee's confirmation.

Since March, 1915, Mr. Rublee has been serving as a member of the commission without compensation, the senate allowing one session to pass without acting and finally rejecting the nomination because the nominee was "personally obnoxious" to Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, the Republican leader. In response to a recent senate resolution asking under what authority Mr. Rublee was continuing to serve, Chairman Hurley of the trade commission replied, citing court decisions upholding the legality of his service by recess appointment.

Mr. Rublee tendered his resignation several weeks ago, but was urged by the President to withhold it.

## BULGARIANS REACH GREEK AEGEAN COAST

**Have Occupied Several Villages and  
Put British Cavalry Detach-  
ments to Flight.**

SOFIA, August 26, via London.—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing on the Macedonian front the Serbians have been defeated with very heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war office announced today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians. On the eastern end of the front the Bulgarian forces have reached the Greek Aegæan coast and put British cavalry detachments to flight. Several villages have been occupied by Bulgarians.

## RUSSIANS DEFEATED.

**Austrians Claim to Have Inflicted  
Heavy Losses on Invaders.**

BERLIN, August 26, by wireless to Sarville.—Russian troops which are attempting to advance in the Carpathians have been partially repulsed, suffering large losses, the official report of Aug. 25 announces. Austrian positions captured by the Russians have been recovered.

## GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL.

**Repulsed Last Night in Engagements  
at Three Points.**

PARIS, Aug. 26.—After an intense bombardment last night the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Tahnur in the Champagne. They bombarded the French positions, the war office announced today, but subsequently were repulsed. German attacks on the Somme and Verdun fronts were repulsed.

## ATTACK REPULSED.

**Prussian Guard Beaten in Attack on  
British Positions.**

LONDON, August 26.—A heavy attack made by the Prussian guard against the British positions at Thiepval on the Somme front was repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wilshire regiments, it was officially announced this afternoon.

## RUSSIANS ADVANCING.

**Press Back Austrians in Foothills of  
Carpathians.**

PETROGRAD, August 26, via London.—In the foothills of the Carpathians in Galicia the Russians have pressed back the Austrians and made considerable advances, occupying a village, it was announced officially today.

## RUSSIANS AT SALONIKI.

**Official Announcement of Their Arrival  
Made in London.**

PETROGRAD, August 26, via London.—Official announcement of the arrival of Russian troops at Saloniki was made by the war office today.

## Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.

Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

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## CRISIS APPEARS IMMINENT TODAY

**Railroads' Presidents Sub-  
mit a Proposal Invol-  
ving Arbitration**

## BROTHERHOOD MEN ARE STILL HOSTILE

**But They Are Said to Favor Taking  
the Railroads' Proposal Under Ad-  
visement and Continuing Negotia-  
tions Next Week.**

WASHINGTON, August 26.—A crisis in the negotiations looking to the avoidance of a nation-wide railway strike appeared imminent today when a counter proposal involving arbitration was prepared by the railroad presidents for final submission to President Wilson.

On the acceptability of this proposal by the railway brotherhoods' committee of 640 men depend largely whether the President's personal efforts to mediate shall fail.

Heretofore the brotherhood leaders have stood firmly against any plan to arbitrate their demands for the eight-hour day as the basis in determining wages.

The railway executives met early today to perfect a draft of their proposal and were expected to send it immediately to President Wilson, who had an engagement with the brotherhood leaders later.

The railroad presidents contend for arbitration on the ground that the eight-hour day sought by the brotherhoods is actually a question of wages rather than of working hours and consequently is properly subject to arbitration.

Some members of the brotherhood committee, although still hostile to arbitrating the eight-hour demand, were said to favor taking the railroads' proposal under advisement and continuing negotiations next week.

President Wilson suddenly left the White House today with the intention, it was understood, of going to the capital in connection with the threatened railway strike.

Officials refused to tell the President's purpose. Among brotherhood officials this afternoon it was declared that only the unequal concession by the railroads of the 8-hour day or action of congress taking over the railway for government operation could prevent the threatened strike.

Some of the railway executives say their proposition is positively their last, as some of the men's leaders stand firmly against arbitration. Others on both sides have hopes that out of it will come further negotiation delaying a strike and possibly averting it.

President Wilson regards the situation as serious, but has not given up hope of a settlement. He will continue to use every effort to bring both sides together. Secretary Lane, formerly a member of the interstate commerce commission, has kept in close touch with the negotiations and conferred today with the President. No word in regard to the situation having arrived the employees' meeting adjourned shortly after noon until 2 o'clock.

Meanwhile the Presidents of the four brotherhoods remained at their hotel awaiting a summons from the White House. They were without knowledge of the railroad men's position.

## DR. ERNEST CLARK TO SPEAK ON TURKEY

**American Board Missionary to Give  
Address in Centre Congrega-  
tional Church Tomorrow Night.**

Dr. Ernest Clark of West Brattleboro, an American Board medical missionary, who was in Sivas, Turkey, when the European war broke out, will speak in the Centre Congregational church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Clark's work, which has been a marked success, has been interrupted by the hostilities and he has passed through thrilling experiences in the war zone. He will tell about some of these experiences and of the conditions in Turkey in his address tomorrow night. The public is invited to this meeting.

## COBB UNDER THE KNIFE.

**Greatest Baseball Player to Have His  
Tonsils Removed.**

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Ty Cobb, crack outfielder of the Detroit club, will undergo an operation after the close of the baseball season this fall for the removal of his tonsils, he said today. Cobb explained that he attributed several weakening colds which have troubled him recently to bad tonsils.

## SIX CANDIDATES OUT FOR REPRESENTATIVE

**Four Republicans and Two Democrats  
Seek Nomination in Bellows Falls  
—Good-Natured Contest.**

BELLOWS FALLS, August 26. Interest in politics increased yesterday when three candidates entered the field for nomination for representatives. Previous to yesterday the candidates for the Republican nomination were Myron H. Ray, who has been chairman of the board of selectmen 15 years, and William C. Bellnap, editor of the Bellows Falls Times. The new entrants for the Republican nomination yesterday were J. C. Day of Bellows Falls and Dr. F. L. Os- good of Saxtons River. Previous to yesterday James E. Byrne was the only Democrat circulating petitions, but he was not allowed to remain in the field without an opponent, and Dr. O. M. George was duly entered as a contestant.

Up to this week politics had not been exciting much interest in town, but with four men now after the Republican nomination for representative and two after the Democratic vote the voters have begun to realize that the day of the primary, Tuesday, Sept. 12, is approaching.

The vote on the Republican candidates should be close. They are solid citizens and all well known. J. C. Day was in the dry goods business here 38 years, selling out a short time ago. Dr. Osgood, who lives in Saxtons River, has many friends in all sections of the town. While the race will be hot it is not thought the candidates will enter into any active campaign to win votes, other than to keep the voters informed of the fact that they are in the race.

Former Postmaster J. H. Blakey said last night that the Republican town committee, of which he is a member, would not enter into the contest previous to the primaries, but after the nomination had been won the committee would be active in support of the winner. He said he also thinks the three losers will be just as loyal to the man who wins.

It may be suspected with some justification that when Mr. Byrne announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination Thursday he surprised the "machine," with which he is not on friendly terms, to say the least. It had been thought that the Democrats would not enter the primaries, but would hold a meeting later on and select a candidate. With but one candidate in the field he would have won the nomination and would have been designated as "Democrat" on the official ballot in November.

That would not have pleased certain members and the leaders of the Democratic party in Bellows Falls.

Dr. George, who is also a justice, was chosen to go against Mr. Byrne and his petitions began to circulate yesterday. Dr. George and Mr. Byrne were both candidates for the postmastership in Bellows Falls, which was eventually won by D. H. Ray, who at that time was chairman of the Democratic town committee.

The Democratic contest promises to be as interesting as that among the Republicans, although the chances of the winner being elected are negligible, as Rockingham is far from being a Democratic town, when it comes to local politics.

## MISS BALDWIN BRIDE OF ELLIS JOHNSON

**Wedding This Morning in Home of  
Bride's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.  
C. Baldwin, Washington Street.**

A pretty wedding took place at 10 o'clock this morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baldwin of Washington street, when their youngest daughter, Miss Esther Winifred, and Ellis Gordon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Johnson of East Dummerston, were married by Rev. I. M. Compton, pastor of the Baptist church in West Brattleboro, in the absence of Rev. George E. Tomkinson, in the presence of the relatives of the two families.

The bride was played by Miss Ruth Baldwin, sister of the bride. The bride couple was attended by Miss Lelia Gallup of Green River as bridesmaid and Irving Franklin of Shelburne Falls, Mass., as best man.

The bride was gowned in white embroidered net with white silk bands for trimmings, and she carried white sweet peas. The bridesmaid's gown was of pink crepe de chine and she carried pink sweet peas. The decorations about the house were of pink and white, a profusion of flowers of these colors being used.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left on a wedding trip to Barre, Montpelier and other places in the northern part of Vermont. They will be away about a week.

Mrs. Johnson moved to Brattleboro two years ago with her parents from Dummerston, where she had attended school. She took a course in the Clawson-Hamilton business college, afterwards taking a position in the law office of Chase & Chase and later entering the employ of the Holstein-Friesian association, which position she now holds. Mr. Johnson is employed as shipping clerk at the Estey Organ Co.'s plant.

They received a large number of wedding gifts, which included cut-glass, silver, linen and china.

## THE WEATHER.

Partly Cloudy Tonight — Probably Showers in Vermont.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight. Probably showers in Vermont. Sunday generally fair. Light south to west winds.

## B. & M. TROUBLES TO BE AIRED IN COURT

**Hearing Before Judge W. L.  
Putnam to Be Held on  
August 29**

## ALL PROCEEDINGS WILL BE CONSIDERED

**Counsel for the Concord & Montreal  
and Connecticut River Railroads Ex-  
pected to Enter Appearance in the  
Case.**

BOSTON, August 26.—The Boston & Maine railroad's financial difficulties will be aired in the United States district court here on August 29. Judge William L. Putnam having sent word today from his summer home that he had issued an order of notice returnable on that date for the hearing in connection with equity proceedings looking to the receivership of the road.

It is understood the hearing will embrace all pending proceedings in the case, including a petition in opposition filed by Francis V. Streeter of Medford, a minority stockholder.

It was considered probable also that counsel for the Concord & Montreal and Connecticut River railroads, which are under lease to the Boston & Maine would enter appearance in the case.

## AUTOS MEET NEAR WEST TOWNSHEND

**Clifford Cobb of Rawsonville Arrested  
on Charge of Reckless Driving—  
Hearing Next Thursday.**

Judge Frank E. Barber and State's Attorney O. B. Hughes went to Townshend today to try the case of the state against Clifford Cobb, 18, of Rawsonville, charged with reckless driving of an automobile yesterday, but at the request of the boy's father, B. J. Cobb, who wished to investigate the case and engage counsel, the hearing was continued to next Thursday at Townshend.

The respondent was arrested yesterday afternoon and bail was fixed at \$200 by Assistant Judge P. B. Pier, but as he was not able to furnish bail Cobb was taken to Newfane jail to await a hearing today. His father became surety for him today.

The Buick automobile owned by Mr. E. Merrifield of New York, containing Mr. Merrifield, his sister, Miss Carrie Merrifield, their aunt, Miss Carrie Farrar, both of New York, Mrs. Penfield of Danbury, Conn., and J. E. MacDonald of Frogtown, S. C., as passengers, was struck by Cobb's car near West Townshend, and a serious accident was narrowly averted. The party had started for Manchester from their chauffeur this summer, running the car.

On nearing the sharp curve at the top of the hill near E. W. Holden's place, just before reaching West Townshend village, a car driven rapidly by Cobb and containing four other young men, came around the curve toward the Merrifield car.

On seeing the Merrifield car Cobb attempted to turn to the right. His car skidded and was again turned, aiming directly at the Merrifield car.

Mr. Sayre says he turned as much as possible from the road in time so that the oncoming car struck against the rear of the Merrifield car, damaging the rear fender and running board. The occupants were thrown from their seats, but not out of the automobile. Mr. MacDonald was somewhat bruised and the women were shaken up. Both cars were damaged on the right hand side.

It is said that Cobb drove off at once without waiting to see the extent of the damage. Mr. Sayre went to the telephone office and asked Deputy Sheriff W. M. Sparks of Townshend to stop the car. At about this time Deputy Sheriff M. P. Benson of Newfane arrived on the scene.

Instead of passing through Townshend village Cobb turned at Scott bridge and started over the hill toward Newfane. The officers gave chase, overtaking the car and bringing Cobb to Brattleboro for a hearing, while the passengers in Cobb's car engaged J. C. Taft to carry them to their destination.

In the absence of the state's attorney, W. R. Daley drew a warrant and Deputy Sheriff Benson took Cobb into custody.

## FORCED TO FLEE.

**British Beaten by Turks 20 Miles from  
the Suez Canal.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London Aug. 26.—British and Turkish reconnoitering parties have clashed at a point less than 20 miles east of the Suez canal in the coast region, the British detachments being forced to flee, according to today's announcement by the war office. Hard fighting on the Caucasus front in which during one engagement the Russians were forced to retreat also is reported in the statement.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT BELLOWS FALLS

**About 150 Members Encamped at Bar-  
ber Park—Big Parade Set  
for Tuesday.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, August 26. One of the largest conventions ever held in Bellows Falls began today when the 11th annual encampment of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias opened at Barber park. Tents have been set up on the baseball grounds at the park and this afternoon appearances there are of a decidedly military nature. About 150 members of the uniform rank are in camp, or will be before it closes. The final day will be Tuesday when it is expected one of the largest parades ever held in Vermont will take place in Bellows Falls with visiting companies present from Keene, Claremont and Greenfield.

Work in preparation for the camp began yesterday and since early this morning visiting members of the 1st regiment, U. S. K. P., have been arriving in town. Citizens of the village are giving the visitors a royal welcome and while the keys to the town have not officially been turned over to the friendly invaders they can have anything they want.

Col. Clarence M. Willey of Barre is in charge at Camp Frank W. Booth and he has put in a busy day. The camp is named for the late Frank W. Booth of Essex, who died Nov. 11, last. Charles C. Kenyon is captain adjutant. Capt. C. H. Nichols of Bellows Falls, regimental commissary, is in charge of the "cats" and has a corps of assistants who are willing workers and who promise, with their chief, that if any man goes hungry it is his own fault.

The men will be entertained tomorrow by the local company and tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a religious service conducted by Regimental Chaplain Harry L. Thornton, of St. Albans.

The annual convention of the Grand Lodge will be held Wednesday and the annual convention of the Temples of Pythian Sisters will also be held.

## PENSION GRANTED EDWIN F. BROOKS

**Former Brattleboro Station Agent, Now  
Ticket Agent in Gardner, Holds  
Record for Long Service.**

Edwin F. Brooks, 83, ticket agent for the Boston & Maine railroad at Gardner, Mass., who has been a railroad man 65 years, has been granted a pension by the company.

Mr. Brooks is said to hold the record in the United States for the longest number of years in actual railroad work. He began his railroad career when he was 16 in Westminster on what was then the Vermont & Massachusetts railroad, now the Fitchburg division, and remained at Westminster 13 years.

Then he was promoted to superintendent of the narrow gauge Brattleboro & Whitehall railroad here, where he remained 36 years, being station agent most of that time. He was in Worcester for two years as cashier in the Boston & Maine freight house. Fifteen years ago he went to Gardner as ticket agent.

Mr. Brooks is an active member of the Order of Railroad Station Agents; a former president of the New England Association of Railroad Veterans and a 32nd degree Mason. His health is excellent.

## WRECKED ON ROCK IN BEHRING SEA

**Schooner Breat Bear Lost, But All on  
Board Saved, Including Million-  
aire Borden.**

On board U. S. coast guard cutter McCulloch, Behring Sea, by wireless to Seattle.—The Tower schooner, Great Bear, carrying the Arctic expedition headed by John Borden of Chicago and Capt. Louis Lane of Seattle, was wrecked on a rock in Behring Sea August 10. The vessel was a total loss, but the entire party landed safely on St. Matthews island where they were found yesterday by the McCulloch.

SIX HORSES KILLED.

**Glanders Found in Two Barns at Mont-  
pelier.**

MONTPELIER, August 26.—Dr. J. G. Whitney Thursday night killed three horses belonging to P. J. Jerome and three belonging to George Caustic, which had glanders. These horses responded to the tests administered by the doctor. All horses in Mr. Jerome's stables were afflicted, and three out of ten in the Caustic stable. These are the same stables where the trouble was discovered originally. Another horse in the Caustic stable owned by Mr. Child was tested. In addition to this one, two other tests were made by the same veterinary where there was a possibility that the disease existed. Faucets have been put in at all water tubs supplied by city water. Water can be drawn into pails from which the horse can be watered, but the pails must be carried by the owner.

## BOY DROWNED.

**Pushed Into the River While Playing  
with Another Lad.**

WINOOSKI, August 26.—The adopted son of P. Poissant of East Canal street, whose name could not be learned last evening, was drowned between three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon near the old sawmill, just above the dam. The boy, who was only six years old, was playing with another boy on the bank, when the latter pushed him in the river. Although the body was recovered immediately all efforts at resuscitation failed.

## FINE BOOKINGS BY MANAGER FOX

**Attractions Promise Excel-  
lent Season at the  
Auditorium**

## SEVERAL HIGH CLASS MUSICAL COMEDIES

**Dramatic Successes and Film Features  
in the List—Repertoire Companies  
of Recognized Merit—Playgoers Well  
Provided for.**

An unusually attractive list of bookings has been made by Manager George E. Fox of the Auditorium for fall and early winter. In fact the list reads like that of a metropolitan theater, and it looks as though people were to have a season of high-class performances, even ahead of the programs carried out in past years.

The first of the bookings is Henry W. Savage's tremendous dramatic spectacle, Everywoman, which created such a furor in New York, Boston, Chicago and the other large American cities. It will be here Saturday, Sept. 16. It is one of the largest musical and dramatic productions ever sent on tour, combining drama, grand opera and musical comedy. Mr. Savage is said to consider Everywoman one of his greatest triumphs as a producer.

The next attraction will be Merry May Robson in The Making Over of Mrs. Matt, written by James Forbes, author of The Chorus Lady. This comes Wednesday, Sept. 20, the second day of the Valley fair. The following Monday Feldman & Christie open a three-day engagement in musical stock. This is their first appearance in Brattleboro. It pays to advertise fills Saturday of the same week by a return visit.

Then comes Katinka, a real musical comedy production sent here by Arthur Hammerstein, the man who gave us The Firefly and High Jinks, and during the same week will be seen and heard The Prince of Pilsen, for the first time here. Then Some Baby, another musical show, the kind with jingles, music and pretty girls, will be presented. The Princess Pat holds Saturday, Oct. 21, and the New York Casino success, The Blue Paradise, follows just one week later. Everyone has heard of, and many have seen, these fine productions in New York and their excellence is unquestioned. A little later The Million Dollar Doll holds the boards.

The opera Martha will come in February, so will Bob Ott for one joyous week. Phil Ott also is coming for one week with a company of 30 or more fun makers. His date has not been decided upon. The Urban Stock Co. will offer good drama and comedy for a week at the usual small prices. Ben Loring will return. Lyman H. Howe will come in the fall and again in the spring with all new pictures, and all his regular patrons will be waiting for him. Very Good Eddie, now running in Boston, is booked for an early appearance.

Some of the big screen offerings, including The Battle Cry of Peace, will be shown during the winter. Tinker and his orchestra will give a concert and dance in Festival hall about the middle of January. Many other attractions will be offered theatergoers before the season is over, so it is evident that there will be no dearth of entertainment for the season of 1916-17.

## WEATHER FOR A WEEK.

**Showers Sunday, Followed by Fair  
Weather Until Thursday.**

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau, are as follows: "North Atlantic states, local showers Sunday followed by fair weather until Thursday or Friday, when showers are again probable. Moderate temperatures."

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